



Coordination and protection of a bi-state body of water

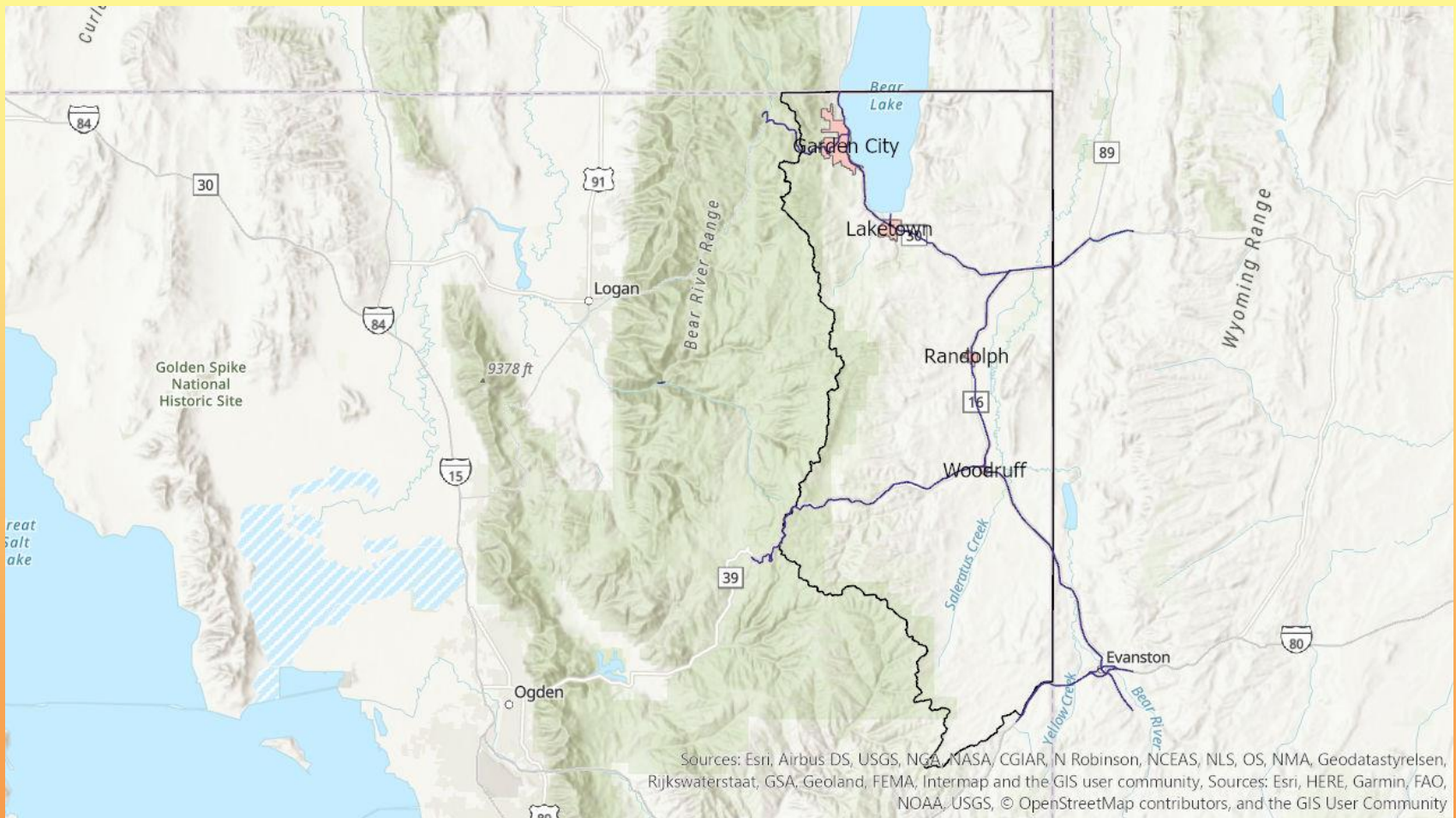
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Location



Background(lake)

- 7 miles wide
- 18 miles long
- 208 feet deep
- 6.5 mil. Ac. Ft.
- 4 endemic fish
- Unique water chemistry
- Dissected by numerous political boundaries
- blue ribbon fishery designation



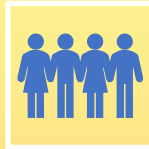
Background_(organization)

- Created in 1973 through joint powers agreement between states(Gov.'s Rampton and Andrus)
- To manage the development and protection of Bear Lake and its environs.
 - Endemic fish
 - Fragile aquatic ecosystem
 - Economic base
 - Irrigation reserve
- Funded in parity by states and counties.

Goals



To acknowledge the Bear Lake Valley as a resource of regional significance, and provide for its continued utilization and preservation.



To provide for the maximum public benefit.



Balance conservation with public use.



To coordinate public and private interests in the long-term management of the Bear Lake Valley environment.



Prevent invasive species of plants and animals.

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Organizational Focus

- Planning
- Water Quality
- Coordination



Planning

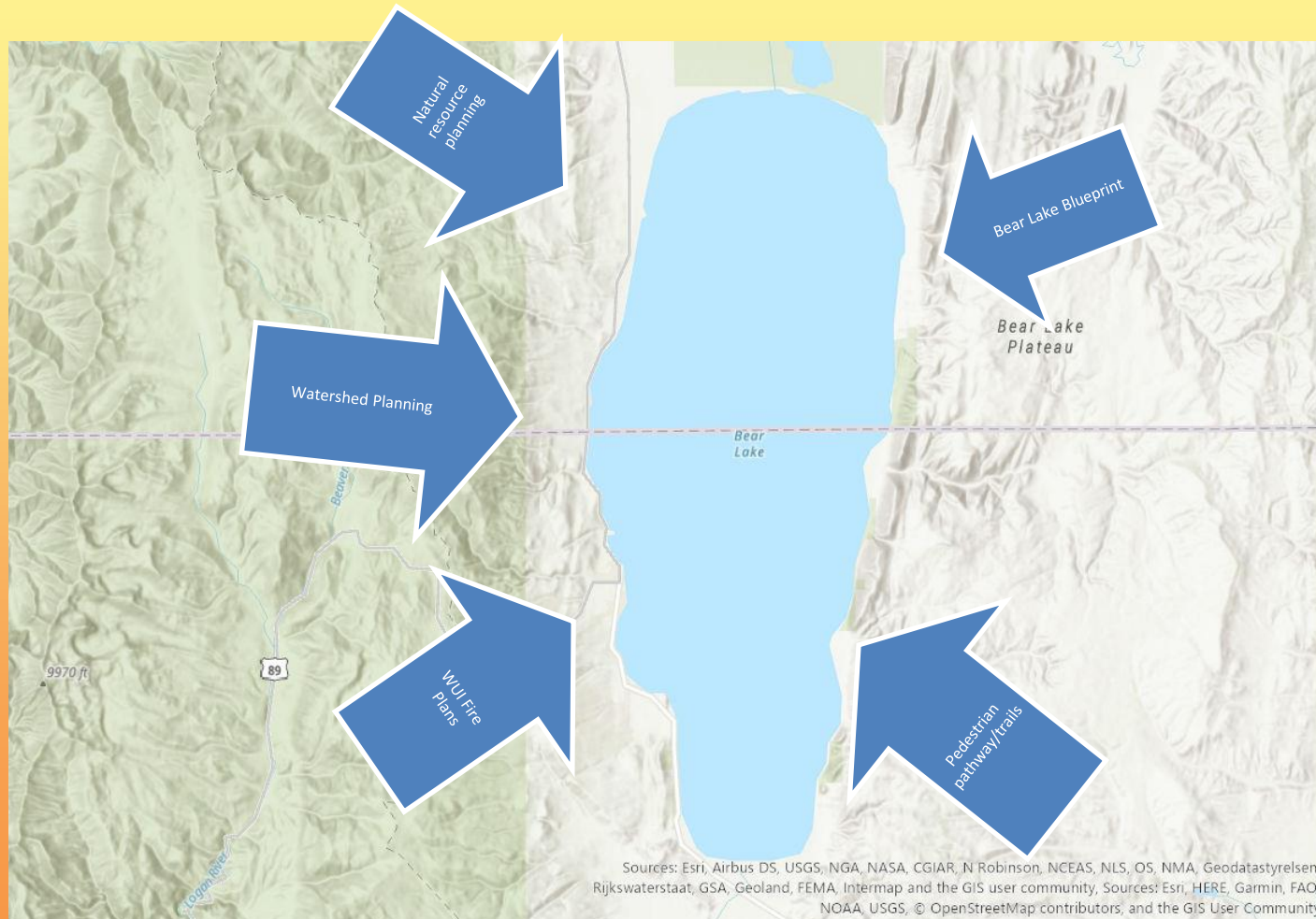
- 75% of homes are secondary
- State Parks have approx. 800K visitors/yr
- 500-700,000 vehicles per year
- Wasatch pop. To double by 2040



Photo's courtesy of Kirk Rich

Planning

Goal: to use existing data to drive well thought out, public supported initiatives that benefit the public and preserve the resource.



Water Quality

Goal: Implement treatments shown to improve water quality conditions while monitoring existing conditions.



Bear Lake Monitoring



Collaborative effort



18 years of
baseline data



Limited temporally,
spatially.



Bacteria



Coordination

Goal: To improve communication and coordination across jurisdictions that will result in better service or reduced tax expenditures.

- Agencies
- Bear River Water Quality Task Force
- Economic Dev. Study
- Trails
- AIS Inspections



Direction

- *Watershed Restoration*
- *Monitoring*
- *Coordination*
- *Invasive Species*

- Central Sewer/east side
- Bicycle/pedestrian pathways
- Economic Dev. Study

Conclusion



Thank you!